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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: William R. STOWELL, et al. : Confirmation No.: 1739  
Serial No.: 10/604,740 : Group Art Unit: 1746  
Filing Date: August 13, 2003 : Examiner: CARRILLO, B.S.  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING METAL OXIDES ON  
SUPERALLOY ARTICLES

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL REJECTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 16, 2005, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the final rejection and a new non-final rejection with a new mailing date be issued.

The present application was filed with 20 claims. Claims 2, 4 and 17-20 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 11 have been amended. New claims 21 - 26 have been added. No new claim fees are believed required. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the final rejection since several claims pending in the application, which have not been amended by the Applicant, have been finally rejected based on a new reference.

The present application has pending claims 1, 3, 5-16 and 21-26. The pending claims include Claims 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 which are the original claim filed in the application, and which have not been amended by the Applicant. All claims pending have been finally rejected by the Examiner in the instant action.

The table below lists these non-amended claims, along with the art cited in rejecting each of the claims in the first non-final rejection, and the art cited in rejecting each of the claims in the second final rejection.